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C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 27257

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GE, FR, UR

SUBJECT: FRENCH-GDR SNIPPETS

REF: PARIS 25549

1. QUAI DIRECTOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN AFFAIRS PLAISANT TELLS US THAT CONTRARY QUAI'S EXPECTATIONS (REFTEL) GDR OPTED EARLIER THIS MONTH FOR PROMPT START OF NEXT ROUND FRENCH-GDR CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS. NEGOTIATING TEAM FROM QUAI'S CONSULAR AND TREATY DEPARTMENT CONSEQUENTLY ARRIVED BERLIN OCTOBER 8 AND WAS EXPECTED BACK IN PARIS LAST WEEKEND. AS OF OCTOBER 17 PLAISANT DID NOT HAVE RESULTS NEGOTIATIONS. HE DID NOTE WRYLY THAT GDR CHOSE TIME OF ARRIVAL THIS FRENCH DELEGATION TO ARREST TWO FRENCH-GDR DUAL CITIZENS AS FRENCH SPIES. AS FAR AS QUAI KNOWS CASES WERE NOT PUBLICIZED BUT MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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STRESS GDR VIEW OF DUAL CITIZENSHIP QUESTION. PLAISANT

PROMISED TO BRIEF US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER  
DELEGATION'S RETURN.

2. PLAISANT ALSO COMMENTED BRIEFLY ON NEW GDR-SOVIET  
FRIENDSHIP TREATY. SPEAKING PERSONALLY PLAISANT  
SAID HE TENDS TO SEE NEW AGREEMENT LESS AS OFFENSIVE  
SOVIET MOVE, OR AS EFFORT TO CONSOLIDATE FURTHER  
MOSCOW'S CONTROL EASTERN EUROPE, BUT IN FACT AS SORT  
OF SOVIET RECOGNITION OF THE STATUS QUO. PLAISANT  
ARGUED IN SUPPORT THIS THESIS THAT TEXT IS RATHER  
SIMILAR TO AGREEMENT SOVIETS HAVE WITH CZECHS;  
THAT GERMAN QUESTION OCCUPIES SMALLEST PROPORTION OF  
THIS TEXT; AND THAT IT DROPS ANY CLAIMS FOR RE-  
UNIFICATION BY THE GDR, THUS IN EFFECT TACITLY ACCEPT-  
ING PERMANENCE OF FRG. WHETHER THIS  
ANALYSIS IS DISINGENUOUS OR NOT, QUAI DOES NOT SEEM  
TOO WORRIED ABOUT ITS IMPLICATION, PARTICULARLY AS  
FAR AS IT CONCERNS BERLIN.

3. ALTHOUGH EMBOFF BRIEFLY RECITED KEY ANALYTIC  
POINTS MADE IN RECENT TELEGRAPHIC EXCHANGES THIS ISSUE  
WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION, PLAISANT ASKED IF DEPARTMENT HAD  
DEVELOPED "OFFICIAL ASSESSMENT" OF TREATY AND ITS  
IMPLICATIONS. HE EXPLAINED QUAI IS ABOUT TO PREPARE  
ITS OWN ASSESSMENT AND WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO HAVE  
AND BE ABLE TO CITE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS.

4. REQUEST ACTION: TO EXTENT POSSIBLE WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE PLAISANT'S REQUEST,  
WHO HAS BEEN GENERALLY VERY FORTHCOMING WITH US.  
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